

### February 2, 2020

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David Furth, Deputy Bureau Chief Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Sprint's Status Report on 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration

WT Docket 02-55

Dear Mr. Furth:

Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") hereby files this update regarding 800 MHz band reconfiguration progress with the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") and the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC ("TA").

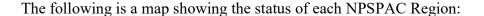
Durng January 2020, Spirnt and the three remaining incumbent licensees in Southern California completed their Frequency Reconfiguration Agreements and closed their contracts. This activity completely closed the 800 MHz band reconfiguration initiative in Southern California. With completion of all licensees in Southern California, forty-seven NPSPAC Regions are fully complete.<sup>2</sup> Overall, there are now only two 800 MHz licensees remaining nationwide and only

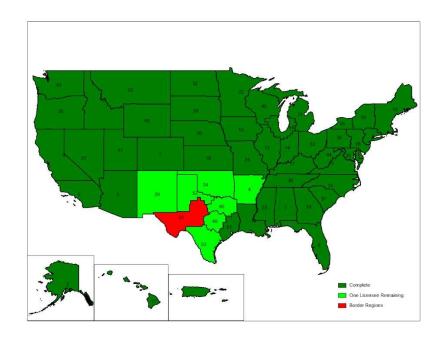
In its September 12, 2007 *Third Memorandum Opinion and Order* in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission required Sprint to submit monthly reports regarding 800 MHz band reconfiguration. *See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*, Third Memorandum Opinion and Order, WT Docket No. 02-55, at ¶¶ 29-30 (rel. Sep. 12, 2007) ("*Third Memorandum Opinion and Order*").

The forty-seven NPSPAC Regions that are completed are: Southern California (Region 5), Nevada (Region 27), Arizona (Region 3), Northern California (Region 6), Washington (Region 43), Puerto Rico (Region 47), U.S. Virgin Islands (Region 48), Florida (Region 9), Washington, DC/Baltimore (Region 20), Virginia (Region 42), Eastern Pennsylvania (Region 28), Western Pennsylvania (Region 36), Ohio (Region 33), Kentucky (Region 17), West Virginia (Region 44), North Carolina (Region 31), Mississippi (Region 23), Oregon (Region 35), New York – Buffalo (Region 55), Michigan (Region 21), New York –Albany (Region 30), New York (Region 8), Chicago – Great Lakes (Region 54), Louisiana (Region 18), Tennessee (Region 39), Illinois (Region 13), Alabama (Region 1), South Carolina (Region 37), Indiana (Region 14), New England (Region 19), Texas – Houston (Region 51), Montana (Region 25), Georgia (Region 10), Idaho (Region 12), Missouri (Region 24), Kansas (Region 16), Nebraska (Region 26), Wisconsin (Region 45), Iowa (Region 15), Alaska (Region 2), Minnesota (Region 22),



one of those two remaining is classified as public safety. The last remaining public safety licensee is located in the Texas – El Paso NPSPAC Region 50, while one non-public safety licensee remains in the New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Texas – El Paso and Lubbock NPSPAC Regions.<sup>3</sup>





North Dakota (Region 32), Utah (Region 41), Colorado (Region 7), Hawaii (Region 11), Wyoming (Region 46) and South Dakota (Region 38). In addition Sprint was required to reconfigure all of the U.S. Territory's (collectively Guam/Northern Mariana Islands (BEA 173), and American Samoa (BEA175)) and those areas are also complete.

License Acquisitions is a "non-ESMR" Economic Area ("EA") licensee whose predescessor in interest in 2006 requested a voluntary relocation to the 800 MHz ESMR band. License Acquisitions acquired these licenses in 2010. In 2017, License Acquisitions requested that the FCC permit it to remain on its existing frequencies and not relocate to the ESMR band. The FCC has denied the request but License Acquisitions has appealed the decision. License Acquisitions also failed to timely renew certain of its 800 MHz licenses and has peitions pending at the FCC to retain those licenses. These petitions have been opposed. Accordingly, performance of the License Acquisitions retune has been pending subject to a series of past and recent regulatory proceedings at the FCC which all remaining pending. While this delay impacts ultimate completion of 800 MHz band reconfiguration in eight NPSPAC Regions (Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas – Dallas, Texas – Austin, Texas – El Paso, Texas – Lubbock and Texas – San Antonio), performance of the retune or recission of the ESMR election has no impact on the pre- or post-NPSPAC spectrum or any public safety retunes.



Next Sprint provides a NPSPAC Region-by-NPSPAC Region list of the licensees that remain, with an indication of whether the licensee is a NPSPAC (public safety) licensee or a non-NPSPAC licensee (public safety and non-public safety). Sprint will also list in each Region whether any licensees completed their retune during the previous month.

#### **Arkansas (Region 4)**

License Acquisitions<sup>4</sup> Non-NPSPAC

#### California – Southern (Region 5)

There are no longer any 800 MHz licensees remaning to be retuned.

The following non-public safety licensees each fully cleared their former channels years ago. The licensees have each certified completion of rebanding with the exception of reconstruction on their replacement channels. The three licensees have each closed their contracts and have completed the administrative tasks associated with rebanding thereby completing the Region.

3KFA Non-NPSPAC
Telephone Connection Non-NPSPAC
Third District Enterprises Non-NPSPAC

#### New Mexico (Region 29)

License Acquisitions<sup>5</sup> Non-NPSPAC

#### Oklahoma (Region 34)

License Acquisitions<sup>6</sup> Non-NPSPAC

#### **Texas – Dallas (Region 40)**

License Acquisitions<sup>7</sup> Non-NPSPAC

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**Texas - Austin (Region 49)** 

License Acquisitions<sup>8</sup> Non-NPSPAC

**Texas – El Paso (Region 50)** 

License Acquisitions<sup>9</sup> Non-NPSPAC

City of El Paso Non-NPSPAC remaining; NPSPAC previously completed

**Texas - Lubbock (Region 52)** 

License Acquisitions<sup>10</sup> Non-NPSPAC

**Texas – San Antonio (Region 53)** 

License Acquisitions<sup>11</sup> Non-NPSPAC

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The following is a summary of what remains to be retuned in each Region:

# **Total Licensees Remaining: 2**

Region #	Region Name	Non- ESMR Licensees Remaining to Clear or Retune (Public Safety and Non- Public Safety)	Economic Area Licensee Request to relocate or reconsider move to ESMR Band
4	Arkansas		1
5	Southern California		
29	New Mexico		1
34	Oklahoma		1
40	Texas - Dallas		1
49	Texas - Austin		1
50	Texas - El Paso	1	1
52	Texas Lubbock		1
53	Texas - San Antonio		1
Total Licensees Remaining		1	1

# Category breakdown of 2 remaining licensees by public safety and non-public safety:

Region #	Region Name	Public Safety	Non- Public Safety
4	Arkansas		1*
5	Southern California		0
29	New Mexico		1*
34	Oklahoma		1*
40	Texas - Dallas		1*
49	Texas - Austin		1*
50	Texas - El Paso	1	1*
52	Texas Lubbock		1*
53	Texas - San Antonio		1*
Total Individual Licensees		1	1

<sup>\*</sup> Counting License Acqusitions (Non-public safety) as one licensee across multiple Regions.



## Breakdown of Region Location for 1 remaining public safety licensee:

Region #	Region Name	NPSPAC	Non-NPSPAC Public Safety (Interleaved)
50	Texas - El Paso		1
Total Licensees		0	1

Sprint appreciates the continuing opportunity to update the Commission on the substantial progress being made in 800 MHz band reconfiguration. We remain available to discuss this Report at the Bureau's convenience. Sprint remains committed to completing this important initiative; however, as the information contained herein demonstrates, Sprint cannot complete 800 MHz band reconfiguration until all affected incumbent licensees complete their individual retuning activities.

Should you have any further questions in this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

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